

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CAROLYN SQUIRES**, on February 5, 2007
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Carolyn Squires, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:	SB 295, 1/22/2007; SB 310, 1/22/2007; SB 279, 1/22/2007
Executive Action:	SB 64, SB 98, SB 168, SB 117, SB 219, SB 290, SB 269, SB 173, SB 308, SB 213

00:02:56

HEARING ON SB 295

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:24 **SEN. BILL TASH (R), SD 36**, opened the hearing on **SB 295**, Statutorily providing for MTNG Youth Challenge program.

EXHIBIT (sts25a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:41 Reid Lund, Director, Montana Youth Challenge Program (MYCP)

00:08:18 Colonel Jeff Ireland, Montana Department of Military Affairs (DMA), for Adjutant General Randy Mosley, DMA

00:09:17 Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors

00:10:05 Anne Glover, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:10:41 Bridget Butler, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:07 Sen. Jim Shockley to Colonel Ireland rereferred to Director Lund, MYCP

00:12:52 Sen. Rick Laible to Sen. Tash

00:14:37 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella to Sen. Tash

00:17:17 Sen. Carolyn Squires to Ms. Butler, LAD

00:19:08 Dave Bohyer, Research Director, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:20:01 Sen. Squires to Mr. Bohyer, LSD

00:20:29 Sen. Cocchiarella to Sen. Squires

00:21:13 Sen. Shockley

00:21:32 Sen. Jesse Laslovich to Mr. Bohyer, LSD

00:22:31 Sen. Laible to Director Lund, MYCP

00:24:54 Sen. Dave Lewis to Director Lund, MYCP

00:27:19 Sen. Joe Tropila

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:49 Sen. Tash

HEARING ON SB 310

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:10 **SEN. ROY BROWN (R), SD 25**, opened the hearing on **SB 310**, Prohibit constituency accounts.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:37:08 Rita Blouke, League of Women Voters

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:19 Sen. Shockley to Sen. Brown

00:49:34 Sen. Laible to Sen. Brown

00:53:59 Sen. Steve Gallus to Sen. Brown

00:57:24 Sen. Cocchiarella to Sen. Brown

01:00:09 Sen. Joe Balyeat

01:00:50 Sen. Lewis to Sen. Brown

01:02:52 Sen. Tropila to Sen. Brown

01:03:29 Sen. Squires to Sen. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:21 Sen. Brown

HEARING ON SB 279

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:07:47 **SEN. JOE BALLYEAT (R), SD 34**, opened the hearing on **SB 279**, Clean campaign act.

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts25a02)

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts25a03)

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

01:14:04 Jeanne Souvigney, Montana Conservation Voters

01:17:55 John Barrows, Executive Director, Montana Newspaper Association

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:19:36 Sen. Laslovich to Mr. Barrows, Montana Newspaper Association

01:24:12 Sen. Laslovich to Sen. Balyeat

01:25:22 Sen. Gallus to Sen. Balyeat

Closing by Sponsor:

01:26:15 Sen. Balyeat

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 64

01:36:25 **Motion:** **SEN. COCCHIARELLA** moved that **SB 64 DO PASS.**

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts25a04)

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts25a05)

01:35:50 **Motion:** **SEN. COCCHIARELLA** moved that **#SB006401.AAG DO PASS.**

01:35:00 **Discussion:**

01:37:36 **Vote:** Motion that **#SB006401.AAG DO PASS** carried 6-5 by roll call vote with **SEN. BALLYEAT, SEN. ESSMANN, SEN.**

LAIBLE, and SEN. LEWIS voting nay. SEN. SHOCKLEY voted nay by proxy. SEN. JENT voted aye by proxy.

Discussion:

01:37:45 Sen. Balyeat

01:39:59 Sen. Lewis

01:40:45 Sen. Cocchiarella

01:43:17 **Motion/Vote: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that SB 64 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with SEN. BALYEAT, SEN. ESSMANN, SEN. LAIBLE, and SEN. LEWIS voting nay. SEN. SHOCKLEY voted nay by proxy. SEN. JENT voted aye by proxy.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 98

01:45:01 **Motion: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that SB 98 DO PASS.**

01:45:12 **Motion: SEN. BALYEAT moved #SB009801.ADB DO PASS.**

EXHIBIT(sts25a06)

Discussion:

01:45:59 Mr. Bohyer, LSD

01:48:44 Sen. Balyeat

01:49:34 Sen. Essmann to Mr. Bohyer, LSD

01:50:10 Sen. Squires to Mr. Bohyer, LSD

01:50:37 Sen. Cocchiarella

01:51:25 Sen. Squires

01:51:52 **Vote: Motion that #SB009801.ADB DO PASS carried 10-1 by voice vote with SEN. LASLOVICH voting no. SEN. SHOCKLEY voted aye by proxy.**

01:52:14 **Motion/Vote: SEN. GALLUS moved that SB 98 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. SHOCKLEY voted aye by proxy.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 168

01:53:28 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. JENT moved that SB 168 DO PASS.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. SHOCKLEY
voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 117

01:54:24 **Motion:** SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that SB 117 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:55:06 Sen. Jent

01:55:59 Sen. Essmann

01:56:48 **Vote:** Motion that SB 117 DO PASS carried unanimously
by voice vote. SEN. SHOCKLEY voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 219

01:57:25 **Motion:** SEN. BALYEAT moved that SB 219 DO PASS.

01:57:45 **Motion:** SEN. BALYEAT moved that #SB021901.ADB DO PASS.

EXHIBIT(sts25a07)

Discussion:

01:58:56 Mr. Bohyer, LSD

01:59:50 Sen. Balyeat

02:00:26 Mr. Bohyer

02:00:35 **Vote:** Motion that #SB021901.ADB DO PASS carried
6-5 by roll call vote. SEN. BALYEAT, SEN. ESSMANN, SEN.
LAIBLE, and SEN. LEWIS voted nay. SEN. SHOCKLEY voted
nay by proxy.

02:00:44 **Motion:** SEN. BALYEAT moved that SB 219 DO PASS AS
AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:01:48 Sen. Balyeat

02:02:29 Vote: Motion that SB 219 DO PASS AS AMENDED carried on a 6-5 roll call vote. SEN. COCCHIARELLA, SEN. GALLUS, SEN. LASLOVICH, SEN. SQUIRES, and SEN. TROPILA voted nay. SEN. SHOCKLEY voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 219

02:03:39 Motion/Vote: SEN. GALLUS moved to RECONSIDER THE MOTION on SB 219. Motion failed on a 5-6 roll call vote. SEN. COCCHIARELLA, SEN. GALLUS, SEN. LASLOVICH, SEN. TROPILA, and SEN. SQUIRES voted aye. SEN. SHOCKLEY voted nay by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 290

02:05:38 Motion: SEN. LEWIS moved that SB 290 DO PASS.

Discussion:

02:05:56 Sen. Lewis

02:06:14 Vote: Motion that SB 290 DO PASS carried 9-2 by voice vote. SEN. ESSMANN voted nay. SEN. SHOCKLEY voted nay by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 269

02:07:13 Motion/Vote: SEN. TROPILA moved that SB 269 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. SEN. SHOCKLEY voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 173

02:07:40 Motion: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that SB 173 DO PASS.

02:08:06 Discussion:

02:08:17 Sen. Cocchiarella

02:08:54 Sen. Balyeat

02:09:09 Vote: Motion that SB 173 DO PASS carried 9-2 by voice vote with SEN. BALLYEAT and SEN. LASLOVICH voting no. SEN. SHOCKLEY voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 308

02:10:40 Motion/Vote: SEN. ESSMANN moved that SB 308 DO PASS. Motion passed 8-3 by voice vote with SEN. GALLUS, SEN. LASLOVICH, and SEN. SQUIRES voting nay. SEN. SHOCKLEY voted aye by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 213

02:11:53 Motion: SEN. GALLUS moved that SB 213 DO PASS.

02:12:11 Motion: SEN. TROPILA moved that #SB021301.AKL DO PASS. SEN. SHOCKLEY voted aye by proxy.

EXHIBIT(sts25a08)

02:12:27 Motion/Vote: SEN. GALLUS moved that SB 213 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 10-1 by voice vote. SEN. LEWIS voted nay. SEN. SHOCKLEY voted aye by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:15 P.M.

SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sts25aad.pdf](#))